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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 778
By Fowlkes

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Boss Hill, "Boss and King of the Hill" in the preparation of goat stew.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly recognizes that it is often prudent to honor the accomplishments of citizens from adjoining states, especially those notable gourmands who produce culinary delights for our consumption; and

WHEREAS, one such distinguished citizen is Boss Hill of Elkmont, Alabama, who has lived in Limestone County, Alabama since birth, except for his service in Uncle Sam's Army; and

WHEREAS, Boss Hill was born in Lentzville, Limestone County, Alabama in 1922 and was named for his uncle, Boss Watkins; and

WHEREAS, for over 30 years, Mr. Hill has been recognized as the premier preparer of goat stew in both Alabama and Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, renowned as the "Boss and King of the Hill" in his culinary specialty, Mr. Hill expertly prepares goat stew for fundraising and political events all over Northern Alabama and Southern Middle Tennessee; and

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WHEREAS, in the spring of each year, Mr. Hill hosts a Goat Stew Extravaganza at his home in Elkmont, Alabama, which event attracts hundreds of people from both Alabama and Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, it is universally recognized by connoisseurs of goat stew that Boss Hill's outstanding variety of the product is the best, or rather, "The Boss"; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee and this General Assembly are desirous of promoting the consumption of goat meat, because it is nutritious and because increased sales thereof help to maintain prices at local stockyards; and

WHEREAS, there is more goat consumed in the world than any other meat; and it is, therefore, an irrefutable fact that goat is *the* meat of choice, although this fact may "get the goat" of cattlemen and swine and poultry producers; and

WHEREAS, goat stew has long been appreciated and enjoyed by the citizenry of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, many of the Volunteer State's favorite sons and military heroes have enjoyed this delicacy, including: General Andrew Jackson, the Seventh President of the United States and Hero of the Battle of New Orleans; Colonel David Crockett who gave his life at the Alamo for Texas Independence; Confederate General Nathan Bedford Forrest, the South's greatest military leader in the War for Southern Independence; and Sergeant Alvin C. York, the Pacifist who became the greatest American hero of the First World War; and

WHEREAS, goat stew is a non-partisan dish and is lapped up by Democrats and Republicans alike; and

WHEREAS, goat stew is also ingested by men and women of all faiths and religions, including Primitive Baptists, Missionary Baptists, and even Hard Shell Baptists; and

WHEREAS, goat stew may also be enjoyed by members of the Church of Christ, who can consume this delectable treat either with or without the accompaniment of instrumental music; and

WHEREAS, the Attorney General of the Great State of Tennessee has received sworn affidavits from many influential citizens in North America, including North Alabama, attesting to the exemplary quality of Boss Hill's goat stew and to the incontrovertible fact that there is no better goat stew in Tennessee or Alabama, or beyond; and

WHEREAS, among those luminaries attesting to the singular quality of Boss Hill's goat stew are: Doc Oliver, Chief of Police in Ardmore, Alabama and Tennessee; Mike Blakely, Sheriff of Limestone County, Alabama; and Jimmy Newby, Farmer Extraordinaire; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alabama has indeed been remiss in failing to recognize Boss Hill for his dedication and expertise in the preparation of goat stew, "Nectar of the Gods; and

WHEREAS, the Great State of Tennessee feels that Boss Hill has earned the right to special recognition as the premier preparer of goat stew in both Alabama and Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That this General Assembly hereby designates Boss Hill as an Honorary Citizen of Tennessee and declares his delicious variety of goat stew to be the very best in both Tennessee and Alabama.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we extend to Boss Hill our best wishes for many more productive years of preparing his delicious goat stew, which has earned him recognition as "Boss and King of the Hill".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Representative Joe Fowlkes is directed to personally deliver a presentation copy of this resolution to Boss Hill at his Annual Goat Stew Extravaganza, to be held at Mr. Hill's home in Limestone County, Alabama on May 1, 2002, and to return therefrom with a sufficient amount of Mr. Hill's goat stew to adequately feed his hungry colleagues.